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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to request full and fair consideration for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program application for the "Connected, Rural, Equitable, and Autonomous Transportation for Everyone" (CREATE) project. If awarded, this project will advance local efforts to address mobility gaps in transportation access for the residents of Asheboro and nearby communities by deploying shared, accessible, and coordinated automated micro-transit service that would connect residents with job opportunities, access to critical services, and their communities.

It is my understand this project will help to deploy new technologies in a manner that emphasizes rural equity, accessibility, and collaboration between the public and private sectors to deliver desired outcomes that matter. These include access to transit that is convenient, safe, reliable, and affordable in rural communities that have too often been ignored or left behind by new technologies and services.

This project builds on NCDOT's leadership and mission to safely deploy new technologies to solve critical challenges facing my constituents and all North Carolinians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter as you and the Department make selections for the ATTAIN Program.

Sincerely,



Richard Hudson
Member of Congress